

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Docking apparatus for use with a portable computer in a vehicle, comprising:
a bracket including a base and an arm for attaching the apparatus to a dashboard
of the vehicle; and
a docking cradle attached to the arm that comprises a connector adjacent its
5 lower end that mates with a connector of the portable computer to electrically
interconnect the personal computer to the docking cradle;
a power cable and connector for connecting the docking cradle to a vehicle
power source; and
an audio cable interconnects the docking cradle to a vehicle audio system.
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2. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the portable computer comprises
HP Jornada portable computer.

3. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the docking cradle comprises
plastic.

4. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the power cable and connector
comprise a cigarette lighter adapter.

5. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable electrically connects
the portable computer to the vehicle audio system.

6. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable is connected to an
input connector of the vehicle audio system.

7. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable permits audio
playback of music files stored in the portable computer.

COMPUTER DOCKING APPARATUS